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## HAWAII'S EXHIBIT.

The first direct information as to what Hawaii must do to get into step with the rest of the country at St. Louis, comes in an interview with Architect Traphagen, who has returned after a visit to the exposition grounds where he came into personal contact with the men who are to make what promises to be one of the greatest expositions known.

The pace set in expositions is a rapid one. Chicago, Paris and now St. Louis, with Omaha, Buffalo, Charleston and others have spent vast sums on the construction, elaboration and surroundings of the buildings which have housed expositions and drawn to the cities hundreds of thousands of visitors. Ornate designs and highly decorative friezes and pillars, domes and portals, have made palaces of the buildings constructed for exhibition purposes and the end does not appear to be in sight yet.

The participation of Hawaii rests in a general sense with the legislators, for certainly the adequate representation of the Territory cannot be left to private citizens, and it is too late to ask Congress to step in and make the appropriation necessary. The first thing is to decide what shall be undertaken and then the question of cost is one which may be settled handily by taking the cost of building, of exhibits, transportation and attendance. These factors will give exactly the sum which needs be appropriated.

As to the quality of representation is the first essential. If Hawaii is to progress it must be along lines which will open its areas to larger population, draw to its fertile valleys farmers and to its wonders' sight-seers. The benefits from visitors are multiple and inestimable. Three recent visitors, who stayed long enough to be impressed by the scenery left \$4,000 and took away paintings, maps, curios and photographs. Another passenger in a through ship, who had only one day here, spent about \$2,000 in stores and a visitor who had time to look into the plantations has invested close to \$25,000 and has not yet finished his investigations. These are not isolated instances but have come casually under notice. Travel to inter-island ports is increasing and the satisfaction expressed by sightseers means advertisement when they get back to their homes.

At St. Louis next year the number of visitors will be in the millions. The people will be gathered from all parts of the world and the result will be that an advertisement, in the shape of a Territorial building placed where it will be visited by every one and will leave an indelible impression on their minds, will bring to Hawaii many fold times the amount appropriated for the representation.

But it's up to the Legislature. Public spirited men are ready to assist, they cannot do all. They will contribute time and exhibits, but it would be asking too much to expect them to house the exhibit as well.

## HILO'S SECOND RAILROAD.

What will be the future of the Hilo Electric Railroad franchise may be a question but it seems certain that before many months elapse work will be commenced upon the construction of a rapid transit line along the Hilo and Hamakua coasts.

The Kohala and Hilo line appears to be in a progressive stage according to what Mr. Philip Peck told his townspeople when he returned last week, but he said as well that a franchise to the electric line would cause his withdrawal from the other plan as there was no field for the two roads. The fact remains however that the necessity for a line north from Hilo exists and that the pioneer in the field will beyond question reap a rich harvest.

One feature which must not be overlooked in this prospective development of the coast country once quick and cheap communication is established. Along the gulches where the sugar fields do not extend to the bottom of the arable areas, bananas and Manila hemp would grow luxuriantly and the crop would pay well in either case.

The agricultural possibilities are many, and now that the people are beginning to realize that small farming does not mean truck gardening, the many productive acres which lie untouched at the feet of every investigator may be utilized and new sources of competence opened to the small capitalist.

Becky Panee would save money by seeking a home where there are no spendthrift laws but she would surely die of ennui after her lively experiences of recent years.

General Miles has made his trip around the world and has absolutely nothing to do to keep him out of politics for the next few months before retirement.

In the light of events the message calling the extra session of the Senate was not worded too strongly.

## MINERS ON TRIAL.

John Mitchell, head of the Miners' Union, considers the report of the Presidential Commission to inquire into the strike of Anthracite coal employees a victory for the workers and it is fair to presume will try and handle his followers along those lines, but it is scarcely necessary to add he will find that many of the miners' locals will not accept his view of the situation.

The ten per cent increase of wages and the reduction of hours are distinct gains. These two have to do with the material side of the questions at issue and the miners are to be congratulated. They were underpaid. In fact a greater increase would not have given them more than their share of the profits from the mining of coal, for the operators and railroad companies have grown fat upon the profits of the trade.

But there is a provision that the award shall stand until 1906 and that the scale shall be decided by arbitration. This is followed by the clause setting forth that neither operator nor union shall discriminate against a workman on account of affiliation or non-affiliation with the miners' organization. The prophet is an unwelcome personage, but it would be an entirely safe prediction that this cannot last. No one who has followed the blood feud between union and non-union men, especially miners, will believe that the Lion and the Lamb will lie down together yet. A union miner has no conception of law when dealing with a non-union man. He becomes an avenger, an injury is but the just deserts of the "scab" and the inflicting miner is praised for his work. For this reason it seems impossible that twenty years war should close with a flat and all be peace. Then again the labor unions cannot be bound to keep to the terms of the contract and after being the recipients of the benefits of the awards for a period may at any day go on strike again.

The proving of the Miners' Union has come. If the leaders can hold the men together then there will be no difficulty in that organization taking place along side the Locomotive Engineers and other organizations which do not have to go on strike, for their good faith has been proven and they are dealt with by the railroads as responsible corporations. It will be a source of pleasure to all thinking men if the miners will prove themselves capable of holding the high place they have been given by the commission, as bodies to be treated with on the same plane as all other corporations. Their field for good is wide, but their constant strikes of the past have not indicated capacity to govern themselves.

## DANGER FROM CANE DISEASE.

The imminent danger from diseases of plants, is illustrated by the statement of Director Eckart, indicating that the fatal Sereh, which is doing so much damage in Java, was brought to Hawaii three years ago, in cane from Fiji. As it developed in a plot of ground which was isolated at the Experiment Station, as soon as it was found the cane was entirely destroyed and the disease stamped out.

No better illustration of the great danger to agriculture from the importation of plants could be had. There is no more careful scrutiny of plants possible than that given to the samples of cane brought here before they are given a chance to get into the fields of the Territory. And yet the disease, which of all others is counted deadly, did get in and was stamped out because it was localized, and had no opportunity to spread.

The importance of a stringent quarantine law cannot be overestimated and the energies of the Agriculture Committee of the House, to which the problem is now passed up, will be well employed in framing a law which will give to agriculture, the single industry of the Territory, full protection.

For the first time a charge has been made against the honesty of General, erstwhile Dr., Leonard Wood. He was often accused of extravagance while in Cuba, and of unbusinesslike methods for his vouchers were fearfully and wonderfully constructed, but this was charged to zeal and not to any ulterior design. Now Rathbone, who has a grudge because he got behind bars, alleges corruption.

The passing of Carlos Ezeta, the magnificent, alone, a pauper in an alien city, illustrates that fame is short lived at best and that the center of the stage alone will keep a theatrical or Latin-American governmental star in the people's mind.

The last Legislature sent an Ambassador to see President McKinley at San Francisco and fulminate against the Governor. President Roosevelt if he meets Hawaiians at the Golden Gate will find compliments instead of pleas.

It is reported that lumber has advanced \$1 a thousand feet on the Coast and prospective builders are commencing to wonder what excuse will be given here for pushing up the price \$5 in consequence.

If \$7,000,000 comprises Carnegie's taxable property he still will be able to erect a few monumental libraries and leave a substantial dowry for that baby.

## POSSIBILITIES OF HEMP.

The possibilities of diversified agriculture in Hawaii widen as the thoughts of practical men are turned toward development, and not the least valuable suggestion yet made has to do with an industry which would afford valuable use for untitled or abandoned acres and employment in time for many Americans.

Manila hemp is a standard product the world over and the rope walks about the Philippine capital are extensive. Yet one who has seen the Manila hemp plant growing here is compelled to admit that it promises, from size and luxuriance, just as good fibre as is obtained in the Oriental archipelago. The plant is growing in many gardens in this city and it flourishes wherever it is watered, for it is a thirsty thing.

Bananas are reported as doing finely as to plants but poorly as to fruit in some of the wet belts of the higher mountain sides. This would suggest at once that the hemp would grow there finely and that in time there might be secured such an acreage that it would be profitable to manufacture the cables and lines from it right here.

The whole world must see the great heart of France bursting with sympathy for the poor unfortunates of Kwang Si province and ready to rush to the rescue with men and bullets. But there wouldn't be any core when that apple was eaten.

New Secretary Cortelyou got off wrong foot first when he asked a million to establish his department and got only \$200,000. He probably sees in this the cloven hoof of the Trust.

Southern Lily White Republicans have declared against Roosevelt because he appointed negroes to office, but he would feel worse if they had any electoral votes to deliver.

Castro, at last, has shown the world that he has the Venezuelan Congress back of him, and now he can go on squelching rebellions and paying off European claims.

What hope has Ireland of the Balfour programme going through if Chamberlain gets hold of the leading strings?

It don't seem like the same old game, with the Senate sitting at night and the session only half over.

## M'GREGOR'S LAND-ING BEING BOOMED

The question of abandoning the wharf at Maalaea Bay, Maui, and building a new wharf at McGregor's Landing is under consideration, and there is no doubt but McGregor's Landing is, for many reasons, far preferable to Maalaea Bay as a landing point for passengers and freight, says the Maui News. The News says that McGregor's Bay, in point of time consumed, is nearer Wailuku than Maalaea Bay. It is a fifteen minutes drive from McGregor's Landing to the Maalaea wharf, but the steamers will reach the landing 15 minutes earlier. The News points out that Maalaea Bay is exposed to the full force of the wind, which interferes with row boats making trips between steamers and the shore landings. Captain Parker, of the Claudine, is authority for the statement that there is 48 feet of water within 100 feet of the shore at McGregor's Landing. It is stated that the steamship companies will erect comfortable waiting rooms at McGregor's Landing if the government will put a wharf there, the cost of which is estimated at \$2,000.

## COUNTY BILL WILL BE PUSHED.

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week. From 7:30 o'clock until 10:30 the argument will go on, and rapid progress should be made in the three clear hours.

What the House will do is a question. That it will get to work is certain, but that labor will be lost is just as true in the opinion of certain members of both Houses. The belief is held that three readings must be given one or the other of the bills in each house. The opinion of some lower house members that a conference committee can take the two bills and whip them into shape and have the two houses agree to the resultant compromise measure is not seriously entertained by upper house members who insist that three readings must be given the bill after it passes one house by the other and the differences will serve as a basis for the conference.

Suggestions of compromises are already in the air and on one of these may depend speedy action. The friends of the Keiikoi county school control and the Long city and county bills, are anxiously pressing those matters as amendments to the County law. It has been represented to them that to make the changes in the County bill now would mean a vast deal of work as changes would have to be made all through the measure. However if those bills went through as supplemental measures there would be necessary only construction of the points at variance and in case of differences of opinion the courts could readily settle them.

If these representations are received with favor the County law will be in the hands of the Governor within ten days. If the two matters are pressed it may take a longer time for conferences.

There are many matters which will be given attention in the regular course and both bodies promise to do some hard work right along now.

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